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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the staff of the Placer County Department of Facility Services (PCDFS) has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed Sewer Maintenance District 1 (SMD 1) Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade and Expansion Project and intends to recommend the MND to the Placer County Board of Supervisors for approval.

PROJECT: Sewer Maintenance District 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion Project

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The SMD 1 service area is located in the Sierra Nevada foothills along State Route (SR) 49 in Placer County. The existing service area of the SMD 1 WWTP encompasses approximately 3,300 acres and approximately 7,900 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) (approximately 5,100 residential and 2,800 commercial or industrial users). The existing SMD 1 WWTP is located in North Auburn, approximately 0.2 mile west of SR 49 at the intersection of Joeger Road and Meadow Glen Road. The existing WWTP is located on two County-owned parcels (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 076-080-007 and 076-080-003). The County also owns two parcels (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 076-080-012 and 076-080-029) to the east and directly adjacent to the site of the existing WWTP.

Current influent wastewater flows to the SMD 1 WWTP average approximately 1.7 million gallons per day (mgd) average dry weather flow (ADWF) and the WWTP is currently permitted to treat and discharge up to 2.18 mgd of wastewater. The proposed SMD 1 WWTP upgrade and expansion would include upgrades throughout most of the facility, including new facilities for biological removal of nutrients and a new ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system and. has been designed to accommodate influent wastewater flows up to 2.7 million gallons per day mgd ADWF to accommodate planned growth in accordance with the *Auburn/Bowman Community Plan*.

The SMD 1 WWTP currently discharges into Rock Creek at two locations. Rock Creek is tributary to Dry Creek, which flows into the Bear River and ultimately into the Sacramento River. The primary discharge point is located 200 feet upstream of the confluence of Dry Creek and Rock Creek. A secondary discharge point, used only when the primary discharge is taken out of service for regular cleaning and maintenance, is located on Rock Creek another 200 feet upstream of the primary discharge location. After the upgrade and expansion, the secondary discharge point would no longer be required.

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND AVAILABILITY: The 30-day public review period for this Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on April 25, 2011 and ends May 24, 2011. A copy of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review at the following locations:

□ www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/EnvCoordSvcs/NegDec.aspx

□ PCDFS's offices located at 2855 2nd Street, Auburn, CA 95603

□ Community Development Resource Agency (CDRA), 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603

□ Auburn Public Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, CA 95603

□ Meadow Vista Public Library, 16981 Placer Hills Road, Suite B6, Meadow Vista, CA 95722

□ Applegate Public Library, 18018 Applegate Road, Applegate, CA 95703

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